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SUBJECT: THREE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES QUESTION JGALITY
OF PRESIDENT LAMIZANA'S CANDIDACY

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 1621

1. IN LETTERS ADDRESSED TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE,
GENERAL BABA SY, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF
THE ARMED FORCES, THREE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES, MACAIRE
OUEDRAOGO (UNDD), JOSEPH KI-ZERBO (UPV), AND JOSEPH
OUEDRAOGO (FRONT DU REFUS) HAVE QUESTIONED THE LEGALITY
OF PRESIDENT LAMIZANA'S CANDIDACY AS LONG AS HE REMAINS
A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES. ALL THREE LETTERS WHICH
WERE PUBLISHED IN THE APRIL 14 EDITION OF THE INDEPENDENT
DAILY "L'OBSERVATUEUR", QUOTE FROM ARTICLES OF THE
CONSTITUTION AND THE ELECTORAL LAW TO MAKXTHEIR
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POINT THAT PRESIDENT LAMIZANA SHOULD EITHER RETIRE
SFROM THE ARMY OR BE GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE
BEFORE HE CAN BE ELIGIBLE TO CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESIDENCY.
THEY ASKSHE CHIEF OF STAFF OF T ARMED FORCES TO
TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION.

2. COMMENT: THE ELECTORAL LAW GOVERNING THE ELECTIONS

TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS CLEAR ON THIS POINT. ANY
MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES MUST BE GIVEN LEAVE OF
ABSENCE BEFORE HE CAN BECOME A CANDIDATE. THE
ELECTORAL LAW ON THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS DOES NOT
COVER THIS PARTICULAR POINT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT
NOT A SINGLE MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES, EXCEPT
PRESIDENT LAMIZANA, IS A CANDIDATE IN THE FORTHCOMING
ELECTIONS. GRAHAM

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